

# **ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT PROVIDER AGENCY CRITERIA**

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## **PURPOSE**

To define the operational and training criteria for authorization through ICEMA to provide prehospital advanced life support and limited advanced life support in the ICEMA Region after October 17, 1986.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**"Advanced Life Support"** means special services designed to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care, including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, administration of specified drugs and other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques and procedures administered by authorized personnel under the direct supervision of a base hospital as part of a local EMS system at the scene of an emergency, during transport to an acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, and while in the emergency department of an acute care hospital until responsibility is assumed by the emergency or other medical staff of that hospital.

**"Limited Advanced Life Support"** means special service designed to provide prehospital emergency medical care limited to techniques and procedures that exceed basic life support but are less than advanced life support are those procedures specified pursuant to Section 1797.171, Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

## **AUTHORITY**

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.204, 1797.206, 1797.218, and 1797.220.

## **CRITERIA**

### **Advanced Life Support Provider**

Written approval from County government(s) and other applicable governmental jurisdictional agencies in the proposed geographical area(s) of services and a defined geographic area of operation as an advanced life support provider.

Written agreement to the following operational requirements:

1. Agree to provide approved level of advanced life support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week *in* the stated jurisdictional areas.
2. Agree to provide service with a minimum of (1) certified advanced life support personnel and one (1) certified EMT-I per non-transporting ALS unit at the scene.
3. Agree to provide service with a minimum of one (1) certified advanced life support personnel *in* the patient compartment and one (1) certified EMT-IA per transporting ALS unit.
4. Agree to utilize primarily the assigned Base Hospital for coordination, medical direction and training.
5. No vehicle shall be represented as an advanced life support unit unless it meets the then current standards as established by ICEMA.
6. Agree that permanent addition or long-term relocation of an ALS unit to a geographic area(s) other than the existing approved jurisdiction requires the approval of the applicable governmental jurisdictional agency, the County and ICEMA.
7. Agree to provide visible identification of level of certification of prehospital personnel.
8. Agree to comply with ICEMA and County requirements for uniform, record keeping and data collection.
9. Agree to scheduled periodic visits by ICEMA staff to insure compliance with local, State and Federal law. ICEMA will not duplicate County inspection(s) as specified by County ordinance.
10. Agree to appoint an Advanced Life Support Program Coordinator(s) to be the liaison with ICEMA and the assigned Base Hospital and receiving facilities.
11. Agree to notify ICEMA of significant advanced life support service problems or changes in a timely manner, including:
  - a. Changes in number of units
  - b. Major Base Hospital complaints
  - c. Changes in status of certified personnel,' i.e. classification, etc., on a quarterly basis
  - d. Permanent station location(s)
  - e. Radio frequency interference, which causes operational problems
12. Maintain drugs and equipment as outlined in the ALS Manual.
13. Agree to notify and work with ICEMA when evaluating equipment that can be used in the field for definitive medical care or intervention.
14. Agree to comply with all County and ICEMA program requirements, including all applicable State and County regulations and ICEMA policies and procedures.

## **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

1. Agree to comply with training guidelines as approved by ICEMA.

2. Agree, when feasible, to intern advanced life support trainees from approved training programs.